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1. DAVID COORE, 49, ASSUMED HIS CURRENT POSTS OF DEPUTY P.M. AND FINANCE MINISTER IN MARCH 1972. A LONGTIME FRIEND OF PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY'S, COORE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS FINANCE MINISTER IN THE PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) SHADOW CABINET SINCE APRIL 1969. HE ALSO SERVES AS HIS COUNTRY'S GOVERNOR OF THE IBRD AND THE IDB. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SINCE 1967 AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PNP SINCE 1969. COORE HAS MODERATE ECONOMIC VIEWS. HE HAS STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE INCOME DISTRIBUTION IN JAMAICA AND RID THE COUNTRY OF ITS URBAN SLUMS. HE HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

AFTER RECEIVING A B.A. DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AND PHILOSOPHY FROM MCGILL UNIVERSITY IN MONTREAL AND B.A. AND B.C.L. DEGREES FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY, COORE ESTABLISHED A SUCCESSFUL LAW PRACTICE IN KINGSTON. HIS POLITICAL CAREER HAS INCLUDED SERVICE ON THE PNP
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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ON THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

PREDECESSOR OF THE JAMAICAN SENATE.

AN UNASSUMING, COURTEOUS MAN, COORE EXUDES SOBRIETY, INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY. HE IS AN AGREEABLE, FRANK CONVERSATIONALIST, WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE VIEWS OF OTHERS. COORE SPEAKS FRENCH. HE READS VORACIOUSLY AND ENJOYS SWIMMING, GOLF AND MOVIES. HIS FIRST WIFE DIED IN MARCH 1975. HE REMARRIED IN OCTOBER. HE HAS THREE SONS.

2. MRS. DAVID COORE (NEE MYRTHE SWIRE) MARRIED THE MINISTER OCTOBER 10, 1975. SHE WAS FOR SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR TO HER MARRIAGE A REPORTER ON THE STAFF OF THE DAILY GLEANER AND HAS MORE RECENTLY BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ACTIVITIES OF MR. COORE'S WEST CENTRAL ST. ANDREW CONSTITUENCY OFFICE. SHE IS ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT AND A LIVELY CONVERSATIONALIST.

3. AMBASSADOR ALFRED RATTRAY, A RESPECTED LAWYER, ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER. A LONGTIME FRIEND AND LAW PARTNER OF THE FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, DOUGLAS FLETCHER, RATTRAY, 50, HAS A GOOD REPUTATION IN JAMAICA AND SHOULD PROVE TO BE AN ABLE AMBASSADOR. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVICED AS A MEMBER OF THE PORT AUTHORITY SINCE 1967 AND AS ITS CHAIRMAN SINCE 1970.

RATTRAY JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1945 AS A CERTIFIED SECRETARY AND A CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANT. HE SUBSEQUENTLY HELD POSITIONS ON THE TRADE BOARD, THE ELECTRICITY FREQUENCY STANDARDIZATION COMMISSION, AND IN THE FOOD CONTROL DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT. WHEN HE RESIGNED FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE IN 1964, RATTRAY WAS ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY. HE THEN ENTERED INTO PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE AND IN 1966 BECAME HEAD OF THE JAMAICA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR, RATTRAY WAS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SEVERAL PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. HIS MAJOR CLAIM TO FAME HAS BEEN HIS FRIENDLY DEALINGS WITH THE INFLUENTIAL MATALON FAMILY

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OF KINGSTON, TO WHOM--AS HEAD OF THE PORT AUTHORITY--HE GRANTED \$8 MILLION IN CONCESSIONS FOR PORT DEVELOPMENT.

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FOR RELAXATION RATTRAY ENJOYS FISHING, READING, PLAYING BRIDGE AND ATTENDING MOVIES. HE IS AN ASSOICATE OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF SECRETARIES AND A FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS. MARRIED TO THE FORMER CYNTHIA LOUISE WESTON, RATTRAY HAS TWO DAUGHTERS-- ELAINE SUSAN, BORN IN 1959, AND CATHY ANN, BORN IN 1964.

4. GORDON WELLS, 44, IS A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT WHO HAS SERVED AS PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE SINCE SEPTEMBER 1975. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SERVED SINCE CIRCA MARCH 1974 AS APERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN THAT CAPACITY, WELLS WAS THE HIGHEST RANKING FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER IN THE MINISTRY. HE HAS GENERALLY BEEN FRIENDLY TOWARD THE UNITED STATES AND US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

AFTER SERVICE WITH THE ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY DURING 1955-56, WELLS WENT TO ENGLAND , WHERE HE TOOK TRAINING COURSES IN THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE AND STUDIED PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT CAMBRIDGE UIVERSITY. HE RETURNED TO JAMAICA IN 1961 AND BECAME ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY. WELLS THEN SERVED SUCCESSIVELY AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (1962-64); FIRST SECRETARY, PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS (1964-66); COUNSELOR, HIGH COMMISSION IN TRINIDAD (1966-70; MINISTER COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY, CONFIDENTIAL

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (1970-71); AND DIRECTOR, JAMAICAN
NATIONAL EXPORT CORPORATION (1971-73).

WELLS HAS ATTENDED SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES,
INCLUDING VARIOUS SESSIONS OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE, THE INTERNATIONAL COCOA
CONFERENCE, THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA
AND THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE. HE HAS
ALSO TRAVELED TO CUBA ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. WELLS IS
MARRIED. HE AND HIS WIFE, MARION, HAVE TWO CHILDREN:
RICHARD SUTHERLAND, BORN CIRCA 1962, AND PAMELA ANDREA,
BORN CIRCA 1964.
GERARD

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